

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-11, 13-17, and 19 are currently pending in the application. The Examiner indicated that claims 1-5, 7-10, and 13-17 were allowed. Claim 11 was rejected. Claim 19 was objected to. Claim 19 has been amended. Claim 11 has been canceled without prejudice.

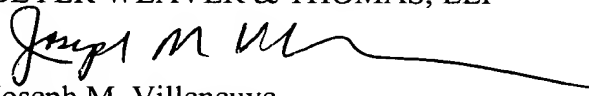
The Examiner objected to claim 19 as being dependent on a canceled claim. Claim 19 has been amended to correct this informality and the objection is believed addressed thereby.

The Examiner rejected claims 11 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,285,767 (Klayman) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,815,206 (Malladi). While the Applicant does not entirely agree with the Examiner's characterization of the cited references, claim 11 has been canceled to allow the present application to proceed to allowance. The rejection is believed obviated thereby.

It should be understood that none of the claim amendments proposed herein are being made for any reasons related to patentability. Rather, the amendments made herein are for the purpose of placing the application in allowance at the earliest possible date. The Applicant hereby reserves the right to pursue canceled claim 11 and any other claims supported by the present specification in a continuing application.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (510) 663-1100.

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